

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RELATING TO "OIL AND NATURAL GAS SECTOR: EMISSION STANDARDS FOR NEW, RECONSTRUCTED, AND MODIFIED SOURCES REVIEW"

SPEECH OF

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is imperative that we work together to reduce harmful methane pollution as soon as possible. That is why I strongly support S.J. Res. 14 which will get America back on track in controlling methane pollution and leaks.

Methane is a highly potent gas that, pound for pound, traps more than 80 times as much heat on our planet in the short term as carbon dioxide. Plugging methane pollution leaks is good for our public health, as it can reduce the risk of asthma, heart attacks, and premature deaths. Reducing methane pollution is good for the climate, it's good for business, and it will create thousands and thousands of jobs across America. That's why there is broad consensus from energy companies, local communities, the tourism industry, labor groups, environmental organizations, environmental justice leaders, and faith leaders on methane pollution control.

In fact, in 2019, when my Select Committee on the Climate Crisis was doing our broad outreach to develop recommendations for solving the climate crisis, this was an area where we reached broad consensus, as a wide range of stakeholders and scientists told us reducing methane pollution would be needed to help save our planet.

Adopting today's resolution will restore common-sense safeguards to limit methane pollution from oil and gas production, as we reverse the Trump Administration's misguided efforts that stopped them. Restoring these safeguards is one of the recommendations we included in the Select Committee's Climate Crisis Action Plan. It's a modest and straightforward step in the right direction, but it's a very important one.

Controlling dangerous methane pollution has broad support. A recent Morning Consult poll found that an overwhelming majority of Americans—including 81 percent of Republicans—support congressional actions requiring oil and gas companies to regulate, check for, and fix methane leaks.

And it is more important now than ever. This year, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced that, despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the various shutdowns around the globe, carbon dioxide and methane emissions surged in 2020, including the largest increase in methane emissions recorded since record-keeping began nearly four decades ago.

Furthermore, we know that fossil fuels are playing an outsized role in this crisis. According to an analysis published by scientists from NASA and Stanford last year, fossil fuel-related methane emissions in the United States contributed approximately 80 percent of the total increase of methane for North America from 2006 to 2017. Stopping methane and other pollution from oil and gas production is an important step in solving the climate crisis. Even major oil companies—from BP America to Shell to ExxonMobil—support federal regulation of methane pollution. Building on the examples of Colorado, Wyoming and Ohio, a nationwide standard is critical to protect—Americans everywhere from harmful air pollution stemming from oil and gas production.

Let's be clear: We must cut methane pollution to prevent catastrophic climate change. Today we have the opportunity to move in that direction by supporting this resolution. This is an important step, and it is the least we can do. I want to thank my good friends Congresswoman DEGETTE and Congressman PETERS for their outspoken advocacy on this matter, and I look forward to working with my colleagues and the Biden Administration to build on this progress.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT RAISCH

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Brigadier General Robert Raisch of Lathrup Village, Michigan. His lifetime of service to both Michigan and our country is worthy of commendation.

General Raisch was born December 8, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan. Following his graduation from Cranbrook High School, he attended Duke University where he majored in mechanical engineering. In 1951, Raisch was commissioned into the United States Marine Corps Reserve and began pilot training in preparation for service in the Korean War. While assigned to Marine Fighting Squadron 224 during the conflict, Raisch flew the F-9F "Panther" alongside fellow marines John Glenn and Ted Williams. For his heroism, Raisch was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses. In 1965, Raisch entered the ready reserve and held several key positions across the state of Michigan including Commander, Selfridge Air National Guard Base (SANGB) in Harrison Township. He retired in 1980 after nearly three decades in uniform and founded the Supersine Company, a sign manufacturing business that he would operate for more than fifty years.

As a Detroit, Raisch was active in his community—mounting the Spirit of Detroit statue, serving as a Distinguished Clown in the Thanksgiving Parade (a role he would also take on in the Macy's Day Parade in New

York City), and supporting numerous charities. His love of animals inspired him to create the Restore the Horse Foundation, which played a key role in re-establishing the Detroit Mounted Police. Raisch was a true Michigander and a proud summer resident of Mackinac Island where he directed local plays and took part in countless community events. Beloved by his family, Raisch would always point to his children Robert, Elizabeth, Laura, and Julie as his greatest achievements and his wife Susan of 67 years as his greatest love.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Brigadier General Robert Raisch. He was a bright and shining light in our community and all who knew him can attest to his selflessness, patriotism, and unwavering wit. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAVAL SUBMARINE MEDICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory, which occurred on Friday, June 25, 2021. Located at the Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Connecticut, the research center has served Connecticut's second district, the region, and the nation as a hub of excellence, ensuring the readiness and primacy of the United States' undersea deterrence efforts by way of cutting edge health and performance research.

Although Friday's date marks the official date of the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory's 75th anniversary, the Research Laboratory's origins date back to as early as 1942 when it was created as an arm of the Naval Submarine Base New London Dispensary. During the earliest stages of America's direct involvement in the Second World War, when our nation's submarine force was put to one of its greatest tests, the center was created to provide answers to problems in communications, vision, personnel, selection, and environmental medicine resulting from wartime demands. The success of the Research Laboratory was evident from its earliest beginnings when in March 1944 it separated from the dispensary and became the independent Medical Research Department of the Submarine Base. Throughout the remainder of World War II, this department became responsible for the organization, development and operation of numerous training programs, including the school for Pharmacist Mates entering the submarine service, the Lookout Training School, the Voice Communication School, and the school for Second Class Divers.

By June 1946, with the full conclusion of the War, the Research Laboratory formally gained

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command status as the Medical Research Laboratory, under the direction of the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. From there, its mission grew to the selection of all officers and enlisted for training at the Naval Submarine School, specialized training in submarine medicine for hospital corpsmen and medical officers and research into the medical aspects of submarines and diving. As our maritime national security policy evolved to meet the demands of the Cold War Era and new age of nuclear deterrence, so too did the Research Laboratory's avenues of focus and innovation, including its innovative work in submarine rescue experiments.

The Research Laboratory has worked tirelessly to push the field of underwater safety forward in the decades since. For example, it has developed countless reliable products including the International Orange high-visibility color enhancing rescue at sea, the Farnsworth Lantern color vision test, the improved Submarine Escape Immersion Equipment suit, the enhanced Disabled Submarine Survival Guide as well as numerous generations of the Navy's diving and decompression tables which are still in use today. In fact, the Research Laboratory's work has also been instrumental in evolving our nation's submarines to become more healthy, productive and disciplined places of work. This includes its adoption of smoke-free submarine environments, production of studies that supported women serving aboard and studies that have produced a better understanding of effective shifts of duty as a result of changes to an individual's natural circadian sleep cycle while aboard a submarine. The sleep research resulted in a healthy change in submarine work and sleep schedules that has since been embraced by the modern U.S. submarine force. In the wake of tragic ship collisions in 2017 that resulted in devastating loss of lives, the New London based-research is now being applied to our nation's surf ace fleet.

Madam Speaker, as the Congressman who has the honor to represent Submarine Base New London, and has visited the lab, I can attest to the talent and passionate commitment of the workforce at that facility, whose unique mission is truly a national treasure. Employing sophisticated, one-of-a-kind equipment, the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory and its dedicated staff of scientists remain experts in many highly specialized areas to this day. They serve the fleet and support our Nation's undersea troops by conducting studies that ensures the readiness and effectiveness of submariners and divers operating aboard submarines, those operating in the undersea battle space, and warfighters fighting from the sea. To that end, on this 75th Anniversary of its founding, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring all those who have served, currently serve, or will serve at the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT
EARL "BOB" SMITTCAMP

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Robert Smittcamp. He passed

away on March 4, 2021 after many years of significant contributions to the San Joaquin Valley. Robert was a part of the community, and a dear friend to many.

Robert was born in Fresno, California to Earl and Muriel Smittcamp on May 29, 1941. In 1945, his family purchased the Wawona Ranch from Muriel's father that held 40 acres of peaches. This later was known as the Smittcamp Family Business. Having a father who served in World War II as a marine, Robert was a hard worker along with his siblings, Carol, Betsy, and Bill. By the age of 10, Robert knew how to operate a forklift. When Robert was diagnosed with polio in 1953, he spent months in an iron lung in his parent's living room on the ranch. He developed his faith in God during that time and became an acolyte in his church.

In 1959, Robert graduated with honors from Clovis High School and was involved with FFA where he earned many local and national awards. After graduating from California State University, Fresno in 1964 with a BS in Business-Economics, he and his father, Earl, founded Wawona Frozen Foods. The frozen fruit business thrived in downtown Fresno and in 1965 a freezer plant was built on Alluvia 1 Avenue in Clovis, California. A year later, Robert enlisted in the United States Army Reserve in 1965 through 1966 driving the Army General to and from military events in San Francisco. He learned cooking tips from the chefs in the kitchen that the General would dine at for his meetings. During his time in the Army Reserve, Robert still enjoyed working alongside his father. Soon after, Janell Robinson entered Robert's life while in the Army Reserves, and in 1966, they married and began their own family in 1968 with son Brent and their daughter Lisa in 1970. Janell gave birth to their second son, Brandon in 1982.

His father, Earl had a big influence on Robert's life. When Earl ran for State Senate, Robert saw another path he could take, with politics. His interest in politics began and he became a wise mentor for many people, but also continued to see himself working in a business. In 1971, Earl and Robert acquired the San Francisco based Lyons-Magnus and decided to move that company to the city of Clovis. Robert served as the President and CEO for over 40 years. They made ice cream toppings, fruit toppings and non-carbonated drink bases. The company became an internationally renowned food manufacturing company. While raising his family, Robert continued to work on the company's growth. In 1983, Lyons-Magnus leased a manufacturing plant in Kentucky, and after two years the company installed and operated the first a septic bottle filler in the United States in Clovis. In 1989, the plant was moved to downtown Fresno. The company worked with companies like Starbucks, McDonalds, Carl's Jr., Dairy Queen, and more.

When Brent grew older, he worked with his father and Grandpa Earl. In 1997, Robert and Brent purchased 160 acres together as the B & B Ranch. They worked on the Wawona Packing Company fanning over 8,000 acres and the ranch. Robert's youngest son, Brandon, shared another one of Robert's passions and got into the restaurant business. Robert assisted him in acquiring The Lime Lite, a Fresno-based restaurant.

In 2015, Robert married Annette and welcomed her sons Michael and Steven into the

family. Robert's family grew and so did the companies. In 2017, Robert and Brent decided to sell their companies to the same private equity company and stay on the Board of Directors. Robert, Brent, and Brandon all worked together.

Robert had a strong passion to serve the community. He was on Boards such as the Community Regional Medical Center, Stanford Medical Centers Cardiovascular Institute, St. Agnes Hospital, Board of Governors of California State University, and more. His donations to causes, hospitals, universities, non-profits and more throughout the San Joaquin Valley were endless. He donated \$1 million to help expand a neuroscience program and remodel the intensive care unit at Community Medical Center. He was a donor for political causes and provided student scholarships for the Smittcamp Family Honors College at Fresno State, founded by Earl and Muriel Smittcamp.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Robert Earl "Bob" Smittcamp. He was a role model, leader and a friend of mine. His influence will live on in the San Joaquin Valley for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF MYRA LEIGH
TOBIN

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Myra Leigh Tobin, a Harned, Kentucky native. Her education and Christian values were the foundation of her life, and she became a trailblazer for women in the business world as well as a generous philanthropist.

Myra was a proud University of Kentucky Wildcat 1962 graduate and was named to the UK Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2000. As a UK loyalist, she served on the UK Alumni Association, UK Board of Trustees, and as a founding charter member of UK Women in Philanthropy. Notably, the Myra Leigh Tobin Chapel was constructed in the new UK HealthCare hospital with her generosity. Before her successful insurance career, Myra worked for U.S. Rep. William Natcher. Myra was a strong advocate of education and obtained two master's degrees. In New York, she rose up in the business world and became involved in professional and community organizations. Myra was known as a "Woman of Firsts" through breaking barriers by becoming the first woman in many positions, and she received several professional awards to reflect her achievements. She accomplished all of this while staying entrenched in her Breckinridge County roots.

Myra's generosity reached far beyond geographical borders, and she was determined to mentor family members, friends, and even strangers she encountered. Her leadership and generosity have made a lasting impact, and her legacy will live on.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF VALLE
DEL SOL**HON. RUBEN GALLEG0**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mr. GALLEG0. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of Valle del Sol Community Health, which the organization celebrated in 2020. For the past fifty years Valle del Sol has inspired positive change by empowering people to live healthy, productive lives.

Founded in 1970, Valle del Sol's original mission was to make behavioral health and social services more available and accessible to the Latino community and other underserved populations. Today, Valle del Sol's services range from primary health care to substance abuse treatment and youth leadership programs, all with a focus on providing culturally competent and holistic care. Valle del Sol has now grown to eight locations across the Phoenix area and 50 school and community co-locations to provide services to people where they learn, work, and live.

The coronavirus pandemic presented an unprecedented challenge to Valle del Sol, which they quickly rose to meet. The amazing team at Valle del Sol has been working tirelessly for over a year to test and, now, vaccinate high-risk individuals and frontline workers against COVID-19. Their work helps protect not only their patients, but the entire Phoenix community.

I wish to congratulate Valle del Sol and thank them for their work to make our community healthier, happier, and more empowered. I look forward to continuing to work with this outstanding organization.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING
SYLVIA COPELAND-MURPHY**HON. DONALD A. McEACHIN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize my Constituent Services Director, Rev. Sylvia Copeland-Murphy, for her devoted service to her church, Oak Grove Baptist Church, in Suffolk, Virginia, where she has served as the Assistant Pastor for the last 18 years.

Sylvia was born and raised in Suffolk, Virginia. She was one of seven children in her family and attended public school in the Suffolk area. Sylvia has dedicated her life to serving as a voice for the underprivileged through her work on housing assistance, with Oak Grove Baptist Church, and as Constituent Services Director for Virginia's Fourth Congressional District.

I was blessed with the opportunity to meet Sylvia on the campaign trail in 2016. She has an infectious, kind personality that draws people towards her, and has been an irreplaceable member of my team.

Through her work at her church, Sylvia has supported her community by leading youth groups, women's ministries, and workshops. These initiatives showcase Sylvia's deep care for her community and her devotion to Oak

Grove Baptist Church. I knew early on that her dedication to supporting her community would be a great asset to my office.

With Sylvia's support, the first congressional office in the city of Suffolk opened and she continued to serve her community through her role as a caseworker, and eventually, as Constituent Services Director. Her compassion, diligence, and organization made her a natural fit for the position, one of the hardest jobs in any congressional office. Through her particularly impressive background in housing and devotion to her community, Sylvia has been able to provide immeasurable support to the people in Virginia's Fourth Congressional District.

Sylvia has a knack for finding the source of a problem and fixing it. With her passion, empathy, and intelligence, Sylvia is a powerful leader and successful advocate for her community. Sylvia's dedication to public service has left a lasting impact on the lives of the parishioners of Oak Grove Baptist Church and the Suffolk community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Rev. Sylvia Copeland-Murphy for her service to her community and Oak Grove Baptist Church.

HONORING SYLVIA GETMAN,
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF ADI-
RONDACK HEALTH, ON HER
WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sylvia Getman on the occasion of her retirement from Adirondack Health as President and CEO.

Sylvia has dedicated her life to providing healthcare services, spending the last thirty years in leadership positions. Prior to leading Adirondack Health for the last five years, Sylvia served as the President and CEO of the Aroostook Medical Center in Maine. She has faced unprecedented challenges in the face of the global COVID-19 pandemic and was still able to bring about meaningful change to the hospital. Her hard work, energy, and passion will be greatly missed. Thanks to her perseverance and creative problem solving, Sylvia is leaving Adirondack Health in a better position than she found it and all the stronger for having weathered the recent public health crisis.

Sylvia truly cares for the community she serves. Beyond her day job, she is a volunteer member of many boards, including Adirondacks Accountable Care Organization, Iroquois Healthcare Association, the Healthcare Trustees of New York State, and the Adirondack Health Institute. All done with the intent and focus of helping others, Sylvia has saved many lives working behind the scenes to ensure patients received the best care possible and that her staff had the resources needed to care for themselves and their patients. Sylvia truly embodies the North Country spirit of neighbors helping neighbors, and she is very well-deserving of her upcoming retirement.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Sylvia on reaching this important milestone. Sylvia has

left a significant impact on our community and her work has been extremely impactful on Adirondack Health. I wish her well in this next chapter of her life.

HONORING MULTIRACIAL
HERITAGE WEEK**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize June 7-14, 2021, as Multiracial Heritage Week, a celebration for all people. This week highlights our similarities, not our differences.

Multiracial Heritage Week is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions and achievements of the multiracial community. Multiracial individuals are not only parts of other populations, but they are also a growing population in and of itself.

There are over 9.3 million individuals who self-identify as more than one race, which is the fastest growing population in the nation. According to the Pew Research Center, the largest groups of individuals identified themselves as white-American Indian, white-Asian, white-black, and white-some other race. The Census Bureau estimates the multiracial population will triple by 2060.

California is home to the largest multiracial population in our country. In the Central Valley, diversity is one of our greatest strengths. Many people have come together to educate our communities, spread awareness, and celebrate their heritage during this important week.

Multiracial Heritage Week was started by Project Reclassify All Children Equally (RACE), a national nonprofit and all-volunteer organization based in Los Banos, CA. It advocates for multiracial children, adults, and families through multiracial education and community awareness.

Project RACE was founded by Susan Graham and Chris Ashe in 1991. Both Susan and Chris had multiracial children, who experienced problems with forms that did not allow an option of choosing more than one race or a Multiracial classification.

As a result, Graham and representatives of Project RACE testified five times before the U.S. Congress and advocated for the implementation of multiracial classification. Subsequently, the checking of more than one box on federal agency and census forms was established. Therefore, Multiracial people are known as "people who check two or more races" by our United States government.

The organization is committed to advocating for civil rights and the appropriate inclusion of Multiracial people. The current struggle for racial justice is multifaceted and takes place on many fronts. I am proud to see this organization and my constituents rise up to advocate for equal rights and celebrate diversity.

Progress is made through the efforts of courageous individuals who actively engage within their communities and advocate for the rights of others. The people of the Central Valley have continuously shown that diversity is our strength and unity is our power.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the multiracial community and their contributions to our society. This

could not have been possible without the dedication and contributions of the Project RACE organization.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker. I apologize for missing votes on June 25. I was meeting with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in Louisiana to discuss issues impacting veterans in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 185.

IN HONOR OF DAVID BLUFORD

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my late constituent, friend, and mentor, David Bluford. David lived a life dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, and to the betterment of the people around him. He was a husband, father, writer, educator, scholar, and a leader to his community.

While so many people might spend their lives and careers scrambling for wealth or power, David was the embodiment of a public servant. In his decades as an educator, he served as a college professor, high school principal, junior high school teacher and the director of the Upward Bound program at Queens College. David's colleagues remember how fervently he advocated for the students. His students remember him for the way he guided them towards wisdom, and towards greater versions of themselves.

As a young man and throughout his life, David sought out opportunities to develop himself in all aspects. He was inducted into the Fayetteville State University Basketball Hall of Fame and served in the Korean War. He studied Education and Political Philosophy at five different colleges including Walden College and Columbia University, ultimately earning his PhD.

David was also a talented writer. He wrote for papers including the New York Voice, New York Daily News, and the National Association of Secondary Principals, where he wrote a guide for new principals preparing to work in underserved communities, as he did during his career. Though he was an excellent leader, David didn't treat education like a strict hierarchy, rather an exchange. He never stopped learning, and he inspired other educators around him to continue to learn, too. He treated his students with dignity.

One of David's favorite quotes, said by Confucius, was "Choose the job you love, and you will never work a day in your life." What David loved was service. He didn't just have a community-oriented career, but a community-oriented lifestyle. He was Chairman of the Alpha Phi Alpha Senior Citizens Center in Queens, and a recipient of countless awards—including New York City School District 29's Distinguished Service Award, the Outstanding Edu-

cator Award from the NAACP's board in Jamaica, New York, the Jackie Robinson Junior High School Man of the Year Award. He participated in several service-oriented organizations including the Urban League, the Lebanon Lodge of Jamaica, and 32 Degree Shriner.

David's wife of 62 years, Renee, their children, and their grandchildren all remember his devotion to his family, his warm heart, and his graceful nature towards humanity. As a husband, a father, and a grandfather, he leaves an everlasting mark on those who were so blessed to know him.

In all aspects of his life, David Bluford was authentic. When the opportunity presented itself to help someone else, to share knowledge, or to be a resource, he seized that opportunity. Few fields let us serve our communities as directly as education does. David taught more than just English or Philosophy—he taught character. In being such a brilliant example to his students and fellow community members, David inspired change in countless lives.

When he as just 17 years old, David converted to Catholicism and so began a new relationship with his faith. Through his life and works, David shared his faith in God with his family and friends. We know that David's faith guided more than just his thoughts or words but his actions too. Few verses capture that like Isaiah 58:10—"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday." David's life work is the embodiment of this scripture. His life philosophy was one of cognitive, academic, emotional, and spiritual development. Not just for himself or for his students, but for every person in his life. All of us, as public servants ourselves, can learn from his example.

HONORING THOMAS B. DAY

HON. DARRELL ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the life and accomplishments of Thomas B. Day, who passed away on June 15, 2021.

Day dedicated over 30 years of his abundant life to higher education and paved the way for thousands of students to achieve their academic and professional goals. Among Day's numerous accomplishments in academia, public service, and science include appointments to the National Science Board by Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush and receipt of the Senior Fellow and Fellow titles, respectively, from the California Council on Science and Technology and the American Physical Society. Serving as President of San Diego State University (SDSU) from 1978-1996, Day oversaw the creation of six doctoral programs and a strategic shift that emphasized faculty-intensive research.

Referred to as one of the most transformative presidents in the history of SDSU, under his guidance, the SDSU campus significantly expanded, as he created a path for what is now California State University San Marcos, the SDSU School of Public Health,

and the SDSU School of Communication. A credit to Day's vision, SDSU School of Public Health now produces 75 percent of the public health work force in San Diego.

Day's legacy continues to be recognized. In 2018, SDSU named the school's engineering and interdisciplinary sciences complex the "Thomas B. and Anne K. Day Quad" in his honor.

Additionally, SDSU's freshman success programs are now called the "Thomas B. Day Student Success Programs" to reflect Day's advocacy for ensuring that students had access to services that could support and enrich their learning opportunities.

These accolades reflect Day's strong dedication to SDSU and his deep hope for the continuous betterment of our community.

While we mourn the loss of an extraordinary leader in our community, we can find joy in the fact that Day's legacy will continue to enrich the lives of generations of Californians to come.

CELEBRATING THE 22ND ANNIVERSARY OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Christian Community Baptist Church in Fresno, California on the occasion of its 22nd anniversary. The church is a valuable part of the community and plays an important role in the spiritual lives of citizens in the Central Valley.

In February 1996, approximately 15 people left the Providence Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Deacon Elvey Perkins. During this time, the group held meetings and worship services at Denny's Restaurant on Abby Avenue to begin planning their future. In March 1996, this group began meeting at the Model Cities Building in Fraternal Hall. During this time the lay leaders of the group invited several ministers to preach God's Word. These consisted of four ordained Deacons, two Deacons on trial, and several Trustees. One of the local ministers invited to preach God's word was Dr. Jerome E. Jackson, Interim Pastor of the St. Rest Missionary Baptist Church of Fresno. After several business meetings, the group decided to form a congregation and to name it "Christian Community Church". In April 1997, the church membership called Reverend Dr. Jackson to become the Pastor. Dr. Jackson accepted the pastorate and the first church service was held on April 20, 1997. Since then the Christian Community Baptist Church has built a model for the community of faith extending God's Kingdom spiritually, educationally, economically, evangelistically, and geographically.

Under the leadership of Dr. Jackson, the newly formed Christian Community Baptist Church of Fresno, California filed for incorporation as a non-profit tax-exempt religious organization and received approval on June 1, 1998. In 1999, the newly incorporated Church moved from the Model Cities Building in Fraternal Hall to the New Millennium Charter School building. Almost immediately after being organized, the church connected itself

with the St. John District Association of California, Nevada, and parts of Africa. In March 2000, Christian Community Church purchased the building at 3838 N. West Avenue.

In 2005, Pastor Jackson united the church with the First Northern Central District Association of California, Nevada, and parts of Africa. Pastor Jackson served as Bible teacher, Vice-Executive Director, Member of the Board of Christian Education, Vice Moderator, and as Moderator of the First Northern Central District Association for over 5 years. With strong leadership, the last 22 years have been tremendously transformative for Christian Community Baptist Church. As they continue to grow and prosper, their effects in the community have helped too.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Christian Community Baptist Church as it celebrates its 22nd Anniversary. I commend Christian Community Baptist Church for its 22 years of commitment to service and I wish Dr. Jackson and the church many more years of service.

POSITION ON THE METHANE RULE

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I was unable to take part in debating and voting on the revocation of the previous administration's rule governing methane emissions due to meetings with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to address long-overlooked issues impacting South Louisiana's veterans. The Baton Rouge VA outpatient clinic in my district is undersized and not well suited to the needs of the Capital Region's veterans. Multiple administrations have highlighted the need to authorize a new lease—but it hasn't happened and getting veterans timely access to quality health care remains a top priority for me.

Had I been in Washington, D.C., I would have voted against S.J. Res 14 to repeal the "Oil and Natural Gas Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review." We cannot afford to move backwards on President Trump's policies that put American energy first.

I support efforts to reduce methane emissions. I support smart regulations that result in reducing methane emissions. But I do not support an approach that results in stifling innovation and creates barriers to cost-effectively reducing methane emissions.

The United States has led the world in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and investing in innovation that will ensure continued reductions in emissions here and around the world. We produce resources and goods with a carbon profile envied around the world—that includes oil and gas. As global demand increases, as it is projected to do for natural gas, America should be supplying that demand. Especially if you care about global emissions and climate change.

With the deployment of innovative technologies, the use of our resources will become even cleaner. That's why we need a regime that encourages innovation and incentivizes the development and deployment of technologies to mitigate and monitor methane

emissions. Putting up barriers or making U.S. production of resources more expensive will drive up global emissions because it gives the competitive advantage in the global market to higher emitting resources—like those coming from Russia and China.

This CRA is not about reducing methane emissions, it's not about climate change, and it isn't about national security. It is solely about reducing energy choices. Moreover, this is about regulating an entire sector of the U.S. economy out of business. The majority is not shy about stating their goal—whether through an outright ban or death by a thousand cuts. And what is most insidious is that the anti-American oil and gas agenda doesn't apply to fossil energy outside the United States.

In fact, their actions benefit and subsidize fossil energy in other countries. You don't have to believe me, just look at their actions: we've seen cheers when the administration stops the construction of pipelines at home, actions which cost thousands of jobs for American families, reduce our energy security, and ultimately result in higher global emissions. Democrats sat on their hands as President Biden green-lit the Nord Stream 2 pipeline to carry natural gas from Russia to our allies in Europe—resulting in a stronger Putin and higher global emissions than if the United States had supplied that energy.

The majority voted against an amendment condemning the Russia action and Russian pipeline. Emissions never factored into their vote. In fact, Russian natural gas exported to Europe has a lifecycle greenhouse gas emission profile at least 42 percent higher than U.S. liquefied natural gas exported to Europe from Louisiana. Their singular intent was to reduce demand for an American resource by increasing the supply of Russian natural gas to our allies.

At home, their opposition to pipelines has resulted in increased use of higher-emitting heating oil and the importing of significantly higher-emitting natural gas from Russia. And while opposing lower emission production in America, progressives have called for increased oil production in Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, and Russia.

Don't believe me? Let me read a quote from a letter signed by several members of the current majority to President Trump in 2018: "Today we call on you to use all of your authority to . . . pressure the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and cooperating countries to Increase World Oil Supplies." That letter was signed by, among others, the current Leader of the Senate, CHUCK SCHUMER, and the author of the Green New Deal, ED MARKEY—the same crowd who advocated for banning American production of oil, American pipelines, and regulating out of existence any remaining American oil and gas. If this were about emissions, they wouldn't be advocating for increased production from higher polluting countries while reducing production from the more carbon efficient United States.

Members of the majority have repeatedly voted against amendment after amendment that would have halted action if the action would result in increased global emissions. Let me say that again, they voted against lower emissions. I know because they were my amendments. It doesn't end there: in the infrastructure bill which we are set to consider next week, there is a designation of "high per-

forming" states based on climate policies. We offered an amendment during committee markup that would remove that designation if those same policies resulted in a disproportionate negative impact on disadvantaged communities. This amendment was voted down. Under the current text of the Invest Act, states that are being sued by civil rights groups for climate policies that hurt disadvantaged communities will be rewarded.

They have voted against amendments that would have clamped down on child labor in Africa and slave labor in China, because it's inconsistent with the progressive anti-U.S. energy agenda. For every ton of emissions reduced by the United States, China has increased its emissions by 4 tons—and yet, policies coming from the other side will export jobs to China, increase global emissions, and increase American dependence on China.

Again, don't believe me? Let me read from a report put out by the Senate Democrats' Climate Committee: "As we institute domestic decarbonization policies that increase overall production costs . . . we could see U.S. companies shift their production to countries that are less restrictive on carbon emissions . . . This will not only lead to an increase in total global emissions, but also the outsourcing of American jobs." And they haven't included a single policy in any of their climate bills to counteract this result of outsourcing American jobs and increasing global emissions. Is it any wonder why we question their motives for this action today?

There is a way to effectively address methane emissions without costing jobs and increasing global emissions. I am on board with that discussion. But it isn't about that. It's about one more of the thousand cuts to destroy American jobs, reduce American competitiveness, and increase global emissions.

IN RECOGNITION OF LORETTA CANNON'S OVER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Loretta Cannon on the occasion of her retirement after nearly 43 years of service to the Downriver Community Conference. Her significant contributions to the Downriver community are worthy of commendation.

Ms. Cannon began working for the Downriver Community Conference in 1980, as a Switchboard Operator at the Superior Street site in Wyandotte, where she worked directly with the Conference's Employment & Training Program. Since then, she has remained a valuable employee of the Conference, serving as Administrative Assistant in the Economic Development and Brownfield Development Programs, with her latest role in the Workforce Program. A true testament to her perseverance, she earned her bachelor's degree while working full time at the Conference.

Known to coworkers and friends as someone with a warm heart and generous spirit, Ms. Cannon has always been there to help friends, family, colleagues, and even complete

strangers. Along with Paula Boase, she collected warm clothing and blankets for the homeless and hand delivered these items to those in need. With a steadfast faith and a love of family guiding her, she is a pillar of strength to all who know her. To her family at home and to her "DCC Family" at work, she is truly irreplaceable.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Loretta Cannon for an exemplary 4 decades of dedicated public service. She has effectively served the Downriver community and the State of Michigan in her many roles with the Downriver Community Conference. I join with Loretta's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to her in retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GEORGE WILLIAM WHITMORE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of George William Whitmore, who passed away on January 1, 2021. George was a veteran of the United States Air Force, a husband, friend, and a man who loved adventures with nature.

George was born on February 8, 1931 in Fresno, California to Raymond and Jean Whitmore. His father was a Marine during WWII and became a stockbroker when he got out of the service. His mother worked for Pacific Gas & Electric. During the Great Depression, the family moved to the Central Valley. George attended Salinas High School and decided to study at University of California, San Francisco earning a degree in 1954 as a Pharmacist. During his spare time, George enjoyed climbing and later decided to join the Air Force in the medical evacuation unit as an aeromedical evacuation officer.

After the Air Force, he decided to continue working as a pharmacist, but in the summer, he would spend his time hiking and climbing. George climbed the Andes in Peru and El Capitan at Yosemite with his friends, Warren Harding and Wayne Merry. He served in leadership roles for the Sierra Club, and served as a Chairman for the Tehipite Chapter based in Fresno, California.

George helped establish the Kaiser Wilderness in 1976 and the California Wilderness Act of 1984, which added 1.8 million acres into the National Wilderness Preservation System. He helped protect lakes and block dam projects and highways and also helped prevent Walt Disney Co. from developing a proposed ski resort at Mineral King in the 1960s and '70s. It was stopped after sustained opposition by the Sierra Club and other preservationists, and the valley subsequently became part of Sequoia National Park.

George battled cancer with his wife Nancy by his side. He and Nancy were together for over 40 years and were each other's best friend. George never lost his love for adventure. He enjoyed visiting with friends and he still participated in the Sierra Club meetings, continuing to educate people on the importance of preservation.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy, niece Caroline and husband Bob, nephew Randy and his wife Betty.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of George William Whitmore for his service and contributions to the environment that surrounds us. I join his family and friends in celebrating George's life.

IN HONOR OF DOCTOR EDMUND W. ROBB III

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the career and community service of Doctor Edmund W. Robb III, Senior Pastor of The Woodlands United Methodist Church.

Dr. Robb will be retiring as Senior Pastor of The Woodlands United Methodist Church after 43 years of honorable service. Before beginning his career with the church, Dr. Robb earned his Master of Theology from The Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. In 1978, Dr. Robb was appointed to start a new Methodist church in his growing community and began knocking on doors in the neighborhood to recruit members. The church was born when The Woodlands was just a budding community of young families, but under Dr. Robb's leadership, it has grown to over 14,000 members.

Dr. Robb is not only recognized today for his 43 years as an impactful pastor, but also for his dedicated service to The Woodlands community. He spent 20 years serving as an elected official of The Woodlands Township and its predecessor, Town Center Improvement District (TCID). Alongside State Senator Tommy Williams, he led the way in negotiating the agreement that would allow The Woodlands to become a Township. He was an instrumental guide in leading the TCID in partnering with private developers to build the Convention Center, develop Town Green Park and expand The Woodlands Waterway. Dr. Robb has also authored several published books, including "The Wonder of Christmas," "Under Wraps," "Mountaintop Moments" and "Making Room: Sharing the Love of Christmas." His commitment to our community has left a positive impact that will continue to influence The Woodlands area for generations.

Today, Dr. Robb continues to serve the community on the board of the Houston Methodist Hospital and as board Chairman of "A Foundation for Theological Education." He and his wife, Bev, are parents to three married children and grandparents to eight grandchildren. Though he is retiring, he will remain actively engaged as a leader in his community and a calming voice of reason to those around him.

After 43 years of exceptional work and service to our community, I am proud to join Dr. Robb's colleagues, family and friends in congratulating him on his retirement and thanking him for all that he has done for our community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CLEMENCY HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Clemency Home Rule Act, which would give the District of Columbia exclusive authority, like the states and territories have, to grant clemency to offenders prosecuted under its local laws.

While District law appears to give the mayor authority to grant clemency (D.C. Code 1–301.76), it has been the opinion of the Department of Justice (DOJ) that the president, and not the mayor, has the authority to grant clemency for most offenses prosecuted under D.C. law, particularly felonies prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney for D.C. in the D.C. Superior Court. Under current practice, clemency petitions for D.C. convictions, like federal convictions, are submitted to DOJ for the president's consideration.

Whether or not DOJ's view is correct, my bill would remove all doubt that the District, and not the president, has the authority to issue clemency for local offenses. The District, like the states and territories, should have full control of its local criminal justice system, the most basic responsibility of local government. Since the D.C. Council has the authority to enact local laws, District officials are in the best position to grant clemency for local law convictions. My bill would provide clemency authority to the District and would give D.C. the discretion to establish its own clemency system.

This bill is an important step in establishing further autonomy for the District. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN MEMORY OF PRITAM GREWAL

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Pritam Singh Grewal, one of North Jersey's most compassionate community leaders. Raised in India, Pritam immigrated directly to the Fifth District in 1972 and dedicated himself to our community ever since. He was truly an unselfish and deeply caring man who made an impact on everyone who crossed his path.

As a founding member of Glen Rock's Sikh Gurudwara, Pritam helped build a safe space for North Jersey's Sikh community to come together and worship. Having personally visited several times, I can attest to the special atmosphere he instilled in this important Glen Rock establishment.

Pritam always felt a calling to promote quality education throughout his community. He taught mechanical engineering at Fairleigh Dickinson University, and later partnered with his brother, Amarjit, to establish the Grewal, Harchand Singh and Jagir Kaur Memorial Scholarship of Ramapo College, in memory of his late parents.

Pritam was also widely known throughout Hackensack University Medical Center where

the trauma team took care of him after an accident in 2012. He even has an award named in his honor, the Pritam Singh Grewal Good Samaritan Award, to recognize outstanding staff at Hackensack who share his sense of compassion and dedication to service.

A loving husband, father, and grandfather, Pritam cared deeply about his family. He was loved and cherished by many people including his spouse Paramjit Kaur Grewal and his children Shivpreet and Balpreet. I join them not only in their grief and in celebration of Pritam's incredible life.

While Pritam is no longer with us, his spirit, legacy, and impact on North Jersey will live on forever. I know his loving family will continue to honor him by leading the kind of life that he did—one grounded in compassion, service, and an understanding of the importance of lifting up one's community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF S.
CHARANJIT SINGH

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. S. Charanjit Singh, who passed away on May 12, 2021. He was a successful family and business man and member of the Central Valley with his children and wife.

Mr. Singh was born in India in 1950 and came to the United States in 1988 from Ludhiana, Punjab. He and his family settled in Los Angeles, California managing multiple convenience stores. He was a hard worker and provided for his two sons, daughter, and his wife. In 2003, Mr. Singh decided to move his family to Fresno, California.

Living in the Central Valley, Mr. Singh flourished his businesses. He was a business owner of purchased and newly built stores. Mr. Singh had over 30 gas stations and liquor stores. He could prioritize his time, manage multiple stores, and have time for his family. Mr. Singh would attend many events in the Central Valley including many of my own and he would often share his wisdom about the Sikh community to me.

Mr. Singh is survived by his beloved wife, Darshan Kaur; two sons Navjeet Chahal and Baljit Singh Chahal; daughter Parampreet Kaur, and his six grandchildren. Mr. Singh will be missed by the community and his friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the life of Mr. S. Charanjit Singh. I join his family, friends, and the community in celebrating his great life.

IN HONOR OF ARCHIE SPIGNER

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the honorable life of Archie Spigner, whom I will remember as a distinguished constituent, friend, and mentor. Archie was and will always be my Jackie Robinson. The road

for Black political leaders in my district, in Queens and in New York City is a much smoother one today because Archie paved that road for us. However, metaphorical roads were not the only ones he dedicated his life to.

Archie knew the streets of Southeast Queens better than anyone I've ever met. As a public servant for over 20 years, Archie spent his career building better roads, as well as better schools, train lines, senior programs, housing programs, and sewers. It was often said that the roads to public office in our neighborhoods ran through Archie. His life was truly dedicated to our community, and his accomplishments are evidence.

Born in South Carolina during the height of Jim Crow and segregation, Archie leaves this Earth as the godfather of politics in Queens and boasts several Black elected officials including myself that called him "mentor".

While studying parliamentary procedure he became a steward at a shoe factory which led to his career advocating for the common worker. As a labor organizer, he met A. Philip Randolph, one of the principal architects of the March on Washington. He founded the Queens Branch of the Negro American Labor Council right out of his living room. His work as an organizer put him in close contact with his political mentors including Assembly Member Guy R. Brewer and State Supreme Court Justice Kenneth Browne.

While attending Queens College of the City of University of New York where he would earn his bachelor's degree, he worked as the liaison to the African American community for Queens Borough President Sidney Levis. Soon after the New York City Council was expanded, Archie was elected to represent the 27th District, where he would go on to serve for 27 years. During his tenure, he chaired three committees: The Legislative Office of Budget Review, Economic Development, and Housing and Buildings. His work with the budget review office led to the creation of the ever-important independent budget office. He also championed some of the borough's first Business Improvement Districts and Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Programs while on the Economic Development Committee.

Somehow he managed to have "free" time and spent it serving as Deputy Majority Leader and Co-Chair of the Queens Delegation. Archie spent every moment he could helping his community and his accomplishments are all over Queens. He established mandatory sensitivity trainings for every police precinct in the city. He helped create York College, along with many new middle and high schools. He codified protections against red lining and worked on a number of infrastructure projects, including the incorporation of the E train extension, new sewers, street rehabilitation, and the New Social Security building. The systemic problems being grappled by this House today were no strangers to Archie, and he dedicated a career in public office to alleviating those burdens that continuously plague underserved communities. Mostly, however, Archie just wanted to help his neighbors.

Before I first ran for Congress, Archie told me, "make sure you always help people, be honest with people, and stay on the ground." After his tenure as a City Council Member, Archie went back to his neighborhood and became a district leader in the Queens County

Democratic Party and was head of the Guy R. Brewer United Democratic Club, named after his old mentor. Cementing his mark on the community, I introduced a bill in 2004 to rename a St. Albans post office after him, which at the time, was the only commemoration of its kind to be ever given to a living person. At the commemorating ceremony, schoolchildren sang, "if Archie Spigner works for you, clap your hands," which was a line greeted with roaring applause.

The Book of Matthew tells us that "when the Son of Man comes in his glory," he will sit on his throne and judge both the living and the dead, saying the following to those who are to be saved: "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." I do not find it difficult to imagine what kind of person from our time will be destined to join in God's glory. I have had the pleasure of knowing someone so vehemently dedicated to improving the lives of their fellow man. That person was Archie Spigner. He pursued criminal justice and equities in economic and housing opportunities that demonstrated a passion for loving his neighbor as he would himself. He worked for reform in his community so that more could prosper and share in the promise of this country. He was both an idol American and Christian, and it is an honor to have known him.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL
OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS PARK

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the centennial of Frederick Douglass Park in Indianapolis. This historic park honors the memory and legacy of legendary abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Located in the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood on the east side of Indianapolis and maintained by the City of Indianapolis's parks department, the Frederick Douglass Park has been an integral part of our city for generations by bringing our community together.

The park's history reflects America's civil rights journey. It opened in 1921 in the Jim Crow era to serve Black citizens, as they were excluded or intimidated from visiting other recreational spaces in Indianapolis. Black Hoosiers embraced the park, organizing and advocating for its maintenance and improvement. Frederick Douglass Park is well known for its role in cultivating Black golfers, and it has hosted professionals such as Ted Rhodes, Charlie Sifford and Tiger Woods. Today, it is visited and appreciated by Hoosiers of many different backgrounds.

Frederick Douglass Park continues to play an important role in Indianapolis, and in celebration of its 100 years, our community is planning a series of events including a golf tournament, festival, and movie night. The City of Indianapolis will additionally announce a

\$19.5 million investment into Frederick Douglass Park, updating it for its second century through the construction of a new family cen-

ter that includes educational, fitness, and community spaces.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this incredible park and its rich history in my district.